

## LOCAL NEWS.

**WEATHER PROBABILITIES.**—War Department Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., March 9, 1876.—10:30 a. m.—For the Middle States: clear or partly cloudy weather and slowly rising temperature, winds shifting to northeast and southeast and rising slightly by falling barometer.

**COLUMBIA S. F. E. Co.**—The regular meeting of this company was held, last night, with D. A. Windsor, President, in the chair, and Robert W. Wheat, Secretary.

**Mr. A. T. Ramay**, from the committee on music, and chairman of other committees, made his final report, which was adopted.

The committee appointed by this company to attend the Fireman's ball made their report, which was adopted.

**Mr. R. W. Wheat**, from the committee of arrangements, made his final report, which was, on motion, unanimously adopted.

**Mr. C. W. Summers** moved that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions thanking those who assisted the company on the 22d of February, and have them printed.

The President appointed the following gentlemen: Messrs. Summers, Ramsay, McLean, and R. W. Wheat.

After transacting other business the meeting adjourned.

**THE MINERAL BUREAU.**—As stated in yesterday's Gazette, the Mineral Bureau has received from Mr. Ferdinand Lewis and others, of Greenleaf, Grant county, West Virginia, a full representation of the iron ores and lime stones of that locality.

The ores, fossil heaunites, and limonite, correspond to the celebrated beds at Danville, Pennsylvania, where veins of small size have been mined to great depths. In Grant county they are found in immense beds at or near the surface, which can be traced through several adjoining counties.

**Mr. R. W. Wheat**, in his report to the Washington and Ohio Railroad Company, says: "The amount of iron ore through this belt of country is simply enormous and beyond calculation." The several varieties of limestone would afford both first class fluxes and hydraulic cement, while the immense coal measures of that section are practically inexhaustible.

**THE FISHERIES.**—Several small lots of shad have already arrived from the lower Potomac. This is unusually early for the appearance of these fish in any numbers, and is thought by some to presage an early fishery. The Superintendent of Police has a force at work filling in and making other necessary repairs at the fish wharf. It will soon be in good order for the spring fisheries. Two cargoes of fish arrived here this morning, one from Mr. John Horseman's shore, at Plum Tree Gut, and the other from Mr. Henderson's shore, at Deep Hole. Several lots are brought up each day by the tug boats, which have commenced running fish. The fish-merchants are jubilant at the prospect of a successful fishery, after several years of bad luck. It is hoped that their anticipations may be realized, as a good fishery adds much to the prosperity and welfare of a large portion of our community.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES.**—The Lenten services in the various Episcopal Churches are unusually well attended this Lent. Early each morning large numbers of devotees may be seen hastening to the morning services. We are afraid, however, that the sterner sex are not taking much advantage of these meetings for we notice that the majority of those in attendance are ladies. At St. Mary's (Catholic) Church the attendance at the week day Masses has perceptibly increased, and at the Stations of the Cross on Friday night the church is crowded. The nightly services at the Second Presbyterian Church are also well attended, and much interest is manifested.

**MR. R. L. WOOD'S FUNERAL.**—The funeral of the late R. L. Wood took place from his late residence, on South Washington street, this afternoon, at four o'clock, and was attended by Alexandria Washington Lodge of Masons, the deputation from Hunter Lodge of Edinburg, who brought his remains to this city, and a large number of friends of the deceased.

A brother and sister of Mr. Wood, who reside near Charlottesville, arrived here last evening. The condition of Mrs. Wood, whose serious illness, caused by the shock of her husband's sudden death, was mentioned yesterday, has, we are pleased to learn, improved considerably.

**MUCH NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS.**—The work of setting the curb preparatory to paving the sidewalk on the east side of Fairfax street, between Queen and Princess streets, is being pushed as rapidly as possible, and ere long there will be a decent sidewalk by which passengers can reach the W. & O. R. R. depot with some comfort. The City Council has also ordered the paving of the sidewalk from K. C. street to the Fayette street depot, so that passengers by the night trains may go down town without the risk of breaking their limbs as at present.

**TRADE IN HOOPS.**—Among the articles shipped from this port are large quantities of hogs head hoops, shooks, and heads. One shipper alone shipped, last year, upwards of one and one-half millions, and scarcely a steamer leaves here for the northern ports that does not carry a quantity of them. Mr. W. A. Smoot is now loading the brig Mary E. Pennell with these hoops for a Cuban market. The hoops are gotten out along the creeks and bays of the lower Potomac and are brought to this city on the sternwheel steamers which run to those points.

**ARRIVAL OF IMMIGRANTS.**—Three families, Messrs. J. Kitchener, J. Diekerhoff, and Mrs. S. Withers, arrived here from Summit, O., yesterday morning, and will leave on the Virginia Midland Railroad for their homes, which they have purchased through the agency of Green & Wiles, real estate agents of this city, near Rappahannock Station. This firm have located a number of families this year, from Ohio, Michigan, Ontario, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, in this section of Virginia.

**THE NEW RESERVOIR.**—The Directors of the Alexandria Water Company made an examination of the condition of the new reservoir at Mount Vernon on Tuesday last. They determined to have the damage done to the east wall of the reservoir, by a late storm, repaired, and to have it filled up to the top with water, instead of partly filled, as heretofore. The work of filling will consume some three or four days and nights.

**THE HEBREW FEAST OF PURIM.**—The Hebrew feast of Purim, which begins this evening at sunset and ends to-morrow evening, commemorates the escape of the Israelites from destruction in the reign of Artaxerxes, as recorded in the Book of Esther. It is a time of great rejoicing, and in addition to services at the synagogue to-morrow morning, there will be many social gatherings and a ball at Harri's Hall in the evening.

**BASE BALL.**—A match game of base ball, the first of the season, was played on the grounds near Colross Tuesday afternoon, between the "1876" and "1877" nines, resulting in favor of the former by a score of 18 to 17. It is understood that another game will be played shortly.

**THE STEAMER ARROW** carried down to Mount Vernon, this morning, a large number of the ministers of the M. E. Conference, now in session, in Washington.

## AFFRAY AT THE JAIL.—Two negro men who

are confined in jail for stealing a roll of cloth from Mr. Wm. Murray, got into an altercation there, last evening, during which one of them cut the other on severely with a knife known as a "cheeser." The cuts were on the shoulder and head and were sewed up by Dr. Gibson, physician to the jail. Prisoners are not generally allowed to have knives, but this one had been allowed the use of the "cheeser" for a few minutes in order to shave.

**SHIP YARD.**—The schooner W. D. Marvell, which has been upon the large ways for several days, was launched this morning. The railroad transfer tug Conroy was hauled up in the place vacated by the Marvell. Much complaint is made by the Superintendent and workmen at the yard of the number of idlers who spend their time in loafing about there.

**POLICE REPORT.**—No cases were tried at police headquarters this morning.

Two habitual drunkards, who had been locked up in jail for a few days, were released on taking an oath to drink no more.

Nine lodgers were accommodated at the station house last night.

**THE PRICE OF GAS.**—A meeting of the Committee on Light was held on Monday night, at which the question of a reduction in the price of gas was talked over, but no action taken, the subject being postponed by general consent.

**LOCAL BREVITIES.**

In the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, on Tuesday, the jury in the case of Early vs. The Virginia Midland and Great Southern Railroad, for breaking his leg in July, 1873, gave a verdict of \$4,250 in favor of the plaintiff.

The entertainment for the benefit of Potomac Lodge of Old Fellows, at Sarcophagi Hall, last night, was largely attended, and the audience all seemed well pleased.

The steamer E. Morris, which is to run on the lower Potomac line, made her trial trip this morning, passing here about 8:30 o'clock, gaily decked with flags.

The Corporation Court meets next Monday. This being nearly a monthly term, no jury cases will be tried.

**Mr. H. H. Service**, of this city, has a fine specimen of the amurilla plant, a species of lily, which is full of beautiful scarlet flowers.

The Sun Fire Company, on last night, but without transacting any business adjourned to meet on Friday night.

The Mayor has ordered the police to stop base-ball playing on the lot adjoining St. John's Academy on Columbus street.

At a sale of stocks in Philadelphia, last Tuesday, 300 shares of the Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railway, brought \$1.

A marriage license was granted in Washington, yesterday, to Lewis Martin and Mary E. L. Clark, of Fairfax county, Va.

A partial eclipse of the moon will take place to-night, commencing at eleven o'clock.

Stop that coughing, if you do not it may kill you. A bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup only costs you 25 cents, and its timely use may save your life.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alexandria Library at the Library rooms, corner King and Washington streets, on Friday, the 10th inst. at 8 o'clock p. m. A full attendance is earnestly requested.

A called meeting of the Second Ward Republican Club will be held at the usual place of meeting to-morrow (Friday) evening March 10, 1876, at 7 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested. By order of the President.

**COPARTNERSHIPS.**

**DISSOLUTION.**—The firm of KNOX & ERVIN was by mutual consent dissolved March 1, 1876.

R. F. KNOX, C. T. ERVIN.

**HAVING PURCHASED THE INTEREST** of Mr. R. F. KNOX in the above firm, I shall continue the FRED BURNES & CO. at the old stand, 62 King street, Alexandria, Va.

C. T. ERVIN.

**WILLIAM MURRAY, MERCHANT TAILOR,**

NO. 123 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, Has just received his

SPRING AND SUMMER STOCK OF DRESS GOODS.

VIRGINIA, to wit: In the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, March Rules, 1876, Edward Johnson vs. R. F. Broadwater, late Sheriff of Fairfax county, and as such administrator of John Money, James Konk and Mary M., his wife, Martha Rittenhouse and others, defendants, in chancery.

Mem: The object of this suit is to enforce a judgment for \$120, with interest on \$10 from 1st January, 1859, on \$60 from 6th September, 1859, and on \$50 from 24th September, 1859, and to set the reversionary interest in the land held by Rachael Money as aforesaid.

It appearing by affidavit filed that the defendants, James Konk and Mary M., his wife, and Martha Rittenhouse, are non-residents of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that they appear within one month after due publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in the premises.

A copy of the order is hereby published. F. D. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

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**WILSON'S AMMONIATED SUPER PHOSPHATE.** Unequalled for Truckers, Corn, Potatoes, &c. Send for a Pamphlet.

A discount allowed to the trade.

R. F. KNOX, Maryland Ferry Slip.

**SHED OATS.**—I have a large lot of EED OATS for sale.

R. F. KNOX, Maryland Ferry Slip, Alex.

**SHAWLS AND CLOAKS.**—Now is the time to buy a cheap wrapping at our reduced prices.

Jan 12 H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

**OLD PORT, SHERRY and MADEIRA** Wines, Scotch Whiskey and Holland Gin, in store and for sale by

Jan 23 B. B. LAWSON & CO.

**ONE CASE OF THOSE** CHEAP CALICOES

just received by

Feb 16 H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

**BROOMS** of medium and best qualities, made of new broom Corn, for sale at reduced prices by

Jan 5 J. C. & E. MILBURN.

**LADIES' and MISSES' BALMORAL** SKIRTS, Breakfast shawls and Knit Jackets.

FERGUSON & BROS., 96 King street.

**PARVELEY'S PANCAKE and PLUG** TOBACCO received by

Dec 16 J. C. & E. MILBURN.

**ALCOCK'S POROUS PLASTER** by the yard at

WARFIELD & HALL.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

## CONGRESS.

## SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—In the Senate, to-day, the Revenue bill being up, Gen. Gordon, of Georgia, addressed the Senate on the subject of official corruption. He showed that at a minimum production of ardent spirits the revenue of the Government from this source since 1865 should have been \$1,296,000. He compared it with the English system of appointing excise officers, one collected the revenue, the other failed. The one was appointed solely to collect the revenue; the other was appointed to collect the revenue and help the party. He favored the appointment of excise officers during good behavior, with a moderate salary, and a salary on retirement, assimilating the revenue system to that of the army and navy. If this was not adopted, he favored a tax on the tubs of the distilleries. He urged the Union of all good men to effect a reform, and to save the good name of the country.

Mr. Morton said that all civil wars were followed by eras of corruption. If that was the case in this country, those who made the war had no right to complain. He continued at length.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

The House of Representatives was engaged with reports from the Postal Committee.

The House Committee on Elections agreed to-day to report in favor of the claim of Jesse J. Finley to a seat from the 2nd District of Florida. This will out-Josiah T. Walls, a colored member, who holds the seat.

The Door-keepers of the House were notified this morning that Pinchback was no longer entitled to the privilege of the floor.

**THE PINCHBACK CASE.**

It is thought that the Pinchback case is not ended. The discussion of his successor's admission will take some time. Then it is thought that Gov. Kellogg will appoint Pinchback and send him back, when the question will come up again for discussion, but it is not thought that Pinchback will be admitted.

**ORVILLE GRANT.**

The committee on investigation into the War Department have had the case of Orville Grant before them to-day, and the evidence shows that he is implicated in all kinds of jobs. The disclosures, it is said, are of the most disgraceful character, and show a perfect recklessness on the part of the accused in connection with high officials. The evidence shows a regular system of office brokerage, with the connivance of the President, and the testimony of the witnesses is considered the most damaging yet given as to the President.

**Fires.**

NEW YORK, March 9.—A Norwich, Conn., dispatch, timed 12:30 a. m., says: A dispatch just received from Danielsonville, Conn., to Chief Engineer Carrier, says: a great fire is burning in that place, and asks for assistance. No further news was to be had, as the telegraph office was on fire and the operator had only time to ask for help, which will be sent.

CINCINNATI, O., March 9.—A fire at Kenton, Ohio, last evening, destroyed Flock's Market, Hart's candy manufactory, the Frey sisters millinery store, and Fink's store. Loss \$25,000.

NORWICH, Ct., 9.—The fire at Danielsonville, Conn., destroyed the freight depot of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, the passenger station, and a block, including postoffice, telegraph office, H. E. Tillinghast & Co.'s store, and a meat market. Loss not estimated. The railroad company lost only the freight depot and its contents. The block containing the passenger station and other offices and stores is the property of Sylvanus Gleason.

**TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.**

A special dispatch to the Louisville Courier Journal from Mr. Sterling, Ky., says yesterday a most wonderful phenomenon transpired in that section. The correspondent says that during the sunshine and clear sky there fell from the heavens quivering fish which came down in large quantities and covered many acres of the territory. Hogs and chickens eagerly devoured the fish, specimens of which have been sent to Louisville for scientific examination.

—Last night the ice broke up on the Rideau river, Canada, and the increased volume of water set the machinery at work in McLaren's mill. Men were called out to prevent the mill from catching fire. The ice in the Ottawa river is rapidly breaking up.

—The remains of the late Lady Augusta Stanley, who died on the 1st inst., were buried at Westminster, Abbey, to-day, with great pomp.

—The water rose rapidly at Troy, N. Y., last night, reaching a point of fifteen feet above the docks. No damage was done however.

—The wife of Senator Barnside died to-day.

**ECRU.** We have just received a full line of ECRU, line of Real and Imitation ECRU LACES, NET and VELLING, which we are offering at low prices. Also a large lot of Hamburg Edgings and Insertings at greatly reduced prices.

Feb 2 FERGUSON & BROS., 96 King street.

**DRESS GOODS.**

We have this week still further reduced from 37 1/2 to 25 c a line of Dress Goods which were new this season. We do not wish to put up any of these goods in order to carry them over to next season.

Feb 3 H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

**NEW GOODS.**—Putty in cans and tubs, Compound Phosphorus Pills, Bromo Chloral, Cream of Tartar, Blue Stone, Davidson's Syringes, Tapoca, Upham's Fresh Meat Cure, Sharp and Dolme's Preparation of Beef, Wine and Iron, Powdered Verdigris and Green's Astringent.

Feb 10 JANNEY & CO.

**CHOICE FAMILY FLOUR.**—We have just received a supply of the Ocean Queen NEW PROCESS FAMILY FLOUR; also Ocean Queen HIGH GRADE EXTRA. We can recommend this as the choice and warranted to give satisfaction.

For sale by

Feb 24 WASHINGTON & BROS.

**REDUCED PRICES.**—We are offering FANCY GOODS, NOTIONS and TRIMMINGS at reduced prices to make room for Holiday Goods, which Mr. Ferguson is now in New York selecting, the arrival of which will be duly noticed.

Feb 6 FERGUSON & BROS., 96 King street.

**SCISSORS!** Having taken the agency for the ROBERTS' SELF-BRADING & HAZON STEEL SCISSORS, we are prepared to sell a first class article at a very reasonable price. Every pair warranted.

FERGUSON & BROS., 96 King street.

Feb 25

## PIEDMONT AND POTOMAC R. R. CO.

## MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Piedmont and Potomac Railroad Company will be held at Rosslyn, Alexandria county, Virginia, on SATURDAY, the twenty-fifth day of March, 1876. By order of CHARLES H. SHERRILL, President P. & P. R. Co.

**PROPOSALS.**

**OFFICE ALEXANDRIA GAS WORKS,** Alexandria, Va., March 7, 1876.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Alexandria Gas Works until the 24th day of March, or furnishing THIRTEEN HUNDRED (1300) TONS OF GAS COAL, 2240 lbs to the ton, said coal to be standard in yield, coke and illuminating power. To be delivered at such time and in such quantity as may be agreed upon by the Gas Light Committee.

Terms, to be arranged with the contracting parties by the Committee on Light.

By order of the Gas Light Committee: Feb 7-1d J. ROXBURY, Sup't.

**INSURANCE.**

**THE VIRGINIA PROTECTION LIFE INSURANCE COMPLY.**

RICHMOND, VA.

Authorized Capital, \$50,000

Presented a plan by which the benefits of Life Insurance may be secured by all at about one third the usual cost.

Thirteen cents invested each day will secure to your family \$5,000.

No better investment can be made. Plan purely mutual, assessments being equitably made, according to age, upon policy holders as each death occurs. This is pre-eminently the system for the man of limited means, as the insurance is afforded at ACTUAL COST and the premiums payable in small sums.

J. N. WILKINSON, President.

RICHARD IRBY, Vice Pres't.

H. H. WILKINSON, Secretary.

J. W. LOCKWOOD, Auditor.

Reference by permission to the following named policy holders: Lewis McKenzie, Reuben Johnston, Joseph T. Janney, Mahlon H. Janney.

Robert C. Powell, M.D., Medical Advisor.

Country policies solicited. For further information and pamphlets, with full particulars apply to

S. H. JANNEY & SON, Agents, 45 King st. Alex., Va.

**HURRAH! BOYS! HURRAH!**

HERE'S RICHNESS.

The children all over town are crying for the great Centennial toy, "YE HERO OF '76," received and for sale at FRENCH'S, No. 96 King street. Price 35 cts., mailed to any part of the country on receipt of 40 cts. Ye Old Hero, judging from the rush, is making a most favorable impression on children of a larger growth even. Ye old hero will carry a few days longer only. All who desire to make the acquaintance of Ye Hero of Ye Olden Time should call early.

G. E. FRENCH.

**TOBACCO IN STORE.**

20 boxes genuine B. F. Graveley's.

25 boxes 8 oz. T. & S. stock 1874, prime Danville.

40 boxes 4 oz. do.

40 boxes 11 inch Plug Rich. and Danville.

Panache, Pocket Pieces, Pig Tail, Natural Bright, black Navy and other brands. Very low to the trade.

JOHN A. FIELD, 71 King street.

**NOTICE!**

Have this day received a large supply of GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER, and BUSH'S GERMAN SYRUP—Agué Conquerer. Also some sample bottles.

W. F. CREIGHTON, 85 King street.

**GOODS THAT PEOPLE WANT TO BUY**

CHEAP—Canned Strawberries, Raspberries, Pineapple, Peaches, Wisconsin's Sweet Corn, Green Corn, String and Lima Beans, Tomatoes, Salmon, Lobster and Condensed Milk. The prices to buy these cheap is at

dec 6 MCBURNEY & SON'S.

**HAIR BRAIDS!**

PROCES REDUCED.

We are now selling Hair Switches for \$2.50 and \$3 worth \$4 and \$5 for sale cheap by

Feb 9 J. FERGUSON & BROS., 96 King street.

**LEBIG'S LIQUID EXTRACT OF BEEF**

is composed of pure extract of beef, combined with iron, quinine and herbs, roots, &c., known for their tonic properties. Highly recommended by leading physicians.

Feb 10 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

**THIMBLE SKEINS and BOXES**, of best quality; a full supply of all sizes at No. 88 King street, corner of Royal. Wholesale and retail.

Oct J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

**KID GLOVES.**—We have just received a lot of TWO-BUTTON KID GLOVES, which will be sold for 65c, at

Feb 2 FERGUSON & BROS., 96 King street.

**SHAKERS' GARDEN SEEDS**, put up in boxes containing a full assortment, especially adapted to the trade of country merchants. A large supply in store and for sale by

Feb 10 JANNEY & CO., 145 King st.

**PRATT'S ASTRAL OIL**, best Kerosene, Lamp, Spirit, Neatfoot, Tanners' and Lined Oils—a full supply on hand and for sale by

Feb 4 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

**ALPACA UMBRELLAS** just opened; assorted sizes and qualities; some especially for ladies' use.

Feb 16 H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

**VITAMIZED PHOSPHATES.**—Just received a fresh supply at

Feb 23 WARFIELD & HALLS, Corner Prince and Fairfax streets.

**FRENCH DRESSING and SATIN POLISH**, for ladies' and children's shoes; a full supply just received by

Feb 10 E. S. LEADBEATER